

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

In the Office Action, claims 1-13 and 16-20 were pending. Claims 1-4, 6, 13, and 16 were objected because of informalities. Claims 16-17 were rejected. Claims 18-20 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent forms. Claims 1-13 would be allowable if the informalities are corrected.

In this response, claims 1-4, 6, 13, and 18 have been amended. Claims 16-17 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

Specifically, claims 1-4, 6, and 13 have been amended to correct the above-identified informalities. Thus, claims 1-13 are allowable.

Claim 18 has been amended to include substantially all limitations of claims 16-17. Thus, claims 18-20 are allowable. While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims that were objected to.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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